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Bicentennial Publication Planned

The National Library of Medicine and the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation will issue a special "Festschrift" in January, 1976 -- ***The Bicentennial of Medicine in the United States.***

A series of articles will be written by distinguished scientists, physicians, and educators, who will give perspective to the developments of the past and some prognosis for the future. The authors and their topics are:

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IMMUNOLOGY
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THE VIEW FROM SWEDEN
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Karolinska Institute (Stockholm)

THE VIEW FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM
Sir George Pickering, D.M.
University of Oxford

This publication will continue where *A Century of American Medicine 1776-1876* ended. The earlier publication included an article by Dr. John Shaw Billings, former Director of the National Library of Medicine, on "Literature and Institutions."

The contributors have been asked to analyze and characterize U.S. medicine and its development over the last two centuries. The Bicentennial Volume should result in a landmark publication in American medicine and history. The Commemorative Volume will also be the basis of a special exhibit and conference to be held at the National Library of Medicine in 1976, with more extended participation by U.S. and foreign scientists and physicians.

Standardized Charges for Medline Searches

At a meeting of the Regional Medical Library Directors on December 17 and 18, 1973, the issue of standardized charges by MEDLINE Centers was reviewed. As a result, the following maximum charge level, to become effective on March 1, 1974, has been established in order to identify an average level of personnel and connect time service for a search. Any effort which would go beyond this level would fall outside the expected service required for a MEDLINE search.

The standardized maximum fee will be $7.50. This will include up to one-half hour of a search analyst's time ($5.00), and up to 20 minutes terminal connect time and 5 pages of printout ($2.50).

Search analyst time includes any search negotiation time as well as terminal use time. Note: This charge is the maximum a MEDLINE Center is to charge both affiliated and non-affiliated users per search. Where feasible, users should be able to use the system themselves without the intervention of a search analyst. In these cases the charge for personnel time should be appropriately reduced or eliminated.

Publication Notes

GPO Policy on Discounts for Bookdealers -- The Public Documents Department, U. S. Government Printing Office, has announced a change in policy regarding the conditions under which its 25 percent discount to bookdealers is applied. To quote from the announcement: "Bookdealers may purchase Government publications (books, pamphlets, periodicals and subscription services) at the purchase price less a 25 percent discount *if shipment is made to the bookdealer's normal place of business.*" Previously, publications could be shipped directly to the bookdealer's customer, with the discount still in effect.

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1974 LJI -- A price has been announced for the 1974 edition of the *List of Journals Indexed in Index Medicus:* $1.95 ($2.45 foreign); GPO Cat. No. HE 20. 3612/4:974. Send orders to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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Annual Report Available -- NLM Programs and Services, Fiscal Year 1973, has been published and mailed to all institutional members of the Medical Library Association. The Library will fill requests for single copies from its remaining stock in response to requests sent with self-addressed gummed labels (no postage necessary) to the following address: Office of Inquiries, ATTN: REPORT, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

Medical Reference Works Supplement

Medical Reference Works, Supplement 2, 1969-1972. Price: $6.95. Medical Library Association, Suite 3208, 919 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611.

The Medical Library Association has announced publication of the second supplement to *Medical Reference Works 1679-1966.** Compiled by Joy S. Richmond of the National Library of Medicine staff, the supplement includes approximately 500 annotated citations. It was computer-produced from the *NLM Current Catalog* data base, and the format corresponds closely with that of the *Current Catalog.*

The titles represented are, for the most part, bibliographies, indexes, abstracts, dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, and some handbooks. Generally, historical works, pharmacopoeias, reviews, and popular works have been excluded.

Beginning with 1973, citations to reference works in the *NLM Current Catalog* are accompanied by annotations, and in the quarterly and annual cumulations these citations appear under the heading "Reference Books, Medical." These listings may serve as on-going supplements until the next cumulative supplement is published. (Present plans are to publish supplements biennially.)

* MLA, price: $10.00; Supplement 1, 1967-1968, MLA, price: $3.75.

Interactive Television Examined

Since July 1970, the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications has supported the New Hampshire/Vermont Medical Interactive Television network. During LHNCBC sponsorship the network has grown from a simple, leased microwave link between Dartmouth and Claremont General Hospital to a network connecting the medical schools at Dartmouth and the University of Vermont with each other and with three community hospitals, a vocational/technical college, and a state prison.

In 1973 LHNCBC retained Practical Concepts, Inc., of Washington, D.C. to evaluate the network and its provision of medical education and services to community hospitals in the rural Northeast. Impact, cost-effectiveness, and potential for self sufficiency were considered.

According to the report, the highest potential value of the network was in stimulating "best" practice by (a) validating practitioner judgments and (b) reinforcing known information concerning "innovations." Network formal education programs have impact comparable to classroom instruction. The market for products the network provides is highly fragmented. Data regarding institutional changes effected by the system were inconclusive. The network is a positive stimulus for curricular experimentation in continuing education.

The final report on the evaluation study is now available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22151 for $10.25 in hard copy or $1.45 in microfiche. Request PB-225-172/6-AS, LHNCBC-74-03, "Interactive TV: a study of its effectiveness as a medical education resource in the rural Northeast."

Dr. Allen Elected to AAAS Council

Dr. Ernest M. Allen, NLM Associate Director for Extramural Programs, has been elected by the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a charter member of the new AAAS Council. The first meeting of the Council will be held in San Francisco in connection with the Annual AAAS meeting--February 24 to March 1.

Help Wanted

A few years ago the Serials Section of NLM undertook an expanded program of gap-filling, utilizing the normal sources for journal material. Thus far we have met with limited success, and we are turning to our friends for help.

Over the years, through the U.S. Book Exchange, the Medical Library Association, and directly, NLM has made materials available to a wide range of libraries throughout the country at little or no cost to them. We are now turning to you to help us fill in some of the gaps in our collection so that we may better serve the entire library community.

Relying on the principle that one hand washes the other, we hope that medical libraries that have duplicates or that are in the process of weeding collections, will keep us in mind. In the long run, we are responsible for long runs, and for making them available to the entire Biomedical Communications

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Network. So what helps us will, eventually, also help you as well as your colleagues.

We expect to be publishing a list each month in the *NLM News*, and if you can furnish any of the items on the following list, please address them to:

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NLM Serial Gap List

TITLES	VOLUME	ISSUE	YEAR
Alabama Journal of Medical Sciences	10	2,3	1973
Alaska Medicine	15	2	1973
American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal	34	4	1973
American Journal of Mental Deficiency	77	6	1973
American Journal of the Medical Sciences	265	6	1973
Angiologica (Basel)	9	3-6	1972
Biochemical Pharmacology	22	1,2	1973
Bio-Medical Engineering	7	9,12	1972
Clinica Terapeutica	52	4	1970
Clinica Terapeutica	61	6	1972
Contamination Control	11	7,8	1972
CRC Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1	2	1970
CRC Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	2	2	1971
CRC Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	3	1	1972
Developmental Psychobiology	5	1,2	1972

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Digestion	5	6	1972
Diseases of the Nervous System	33	6,12	1972
Entomological News	81	11	1970
Exceptional Children	39	7	1973
Folia Phoniatrica (Basel)	24	5,6	1972
California Medicine	113	2	1970
Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology	7	2	1972
Carbohydrate Research	17	3	1971
Carbohydrate Research	18	1	1971
Carbohydrate Research	20	3	1971
Carbohydrate Research	22	3	1972
Carbohydrate Research	24	3	1972
Carbohydrate Research	26	3	1972
Cardiology (Basel)	57	6	1972
Chemistry in Britain	9	3,4	1973
Chemotherapy (Basel)	17	5	1972
Chirurgia	22	1	1973
Clinical Biochemistry	4	1,4	1971
Immunological Communications	2	1	1973
Infection and Immunity	7	4,5	1973
International Journal of Applied Radiation	24	6	1973
International Journal of Group Psychotherapy	21	4	1971
Journal of the American Medical Women's Association	28	4,6	1972

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Journal of the American Podiatry Association	61	1	1971
Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists	54	4	1971
Journal of Clinical Pathology	26	1	1973
Journal of Experimental Biology	56	3	1972
Journal of the Louisiana Medical Society	125	5	1973
Journal of Laryngology and Otology	86	7,8	1972
Journal of Membrane Biology	8	2	1972
Journal of Mental Deficiency Research	15	4	1971
Journal of Microscopy (Oxford)	96	1	1972

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